

ASSEMBLY, No. 2765

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Creates position of First Assistant Child Advocate and provides that either Child Advocate or First Assistant be an attorney.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning the Office of the Child Advocate and amending
2 P.L.2005, c.155.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. Section 67 of P.L.2005 , c.155 (C.52:27EE-67) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 67. Office of the Child Advocate; qualifications; appointment;
10 term.

11 a. The administrator and chief executive officer of the office
12 shall be the Child Advocate, who shall be [an attorney admitted to
13 practice law in New Jersey and be] qualified by training and
14 experience to perform the duties of the office.

15 b. The child advocate shall be appointed by the Governor and
16 shall serve for a term of five years and until the appointment and
17 qualification of his successor. The Governor shall have the power
18 to remove the child advocate for cause. The child advocate shall
19 devote his or her entire professional time to the duties of this
20 position and receive such salary as shall be provided by law. A
21 vacancy occurring in the position of child advocate shall be filled in
22 the same manner as the original appointment, except that if the
23 child advocate dies, resigns, becomes ineligible to serve for any
24 reason or is removed from office, the Governor shall appoint an
25 acting child advocate who shall serve until the appointment and
26 qualification of the child advocate's successor.

27 c. The child advocate shall appoint a First Assistant Child
28 Advocate to assist in the performance of the duties of the office. If
29 the child advocate is not an attorney admitted to practice law in the
30 State, the first assistant child advocate shall be an attorney admitted
31 to practice law in the State.

32 (cf: P.L.2005, c.155, s.67)

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34 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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36 STATEMENT

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38 This bill amends N.J.S.A. 52:27EE-67 to direct the Child
39 Advocate to appoint a First Assistant Child Advocate to assist in the
40 performance of the duties of the Office of the Child Advocate. The
41 bill also deletes the specific requirement that the Child Advocate be
42 an attorney admitted to practice law in this State and provides,
43 instead, that if the Child Advocate is not an attorney, then the First
44 Assistant Child Advocate shall be an attorney admitted to practice
45 law in the State.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.